

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

Art Commission MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 24, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna DiFore	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rochelle Flynn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dane Johnson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victoria Hall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Justin

Staff Present:

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Guests:

Robbie Howell, Burien Resident and Arts Commission applicant
Virginia Wright, Burien Resident and Arts Commission applicant
Joan McGilton, Mayor, City of Burien
Scott Fisher, B-Town Blog
Maureen Hoffman, Past Burien Arts Commissioner and Burien resident

Awards Presentation

Mayor Joan McGilton presented Arts Commissioners Dane Johnson and Kathy Justin the City of Burien Community Service Award for their work developing and implementing B/ IAS, the Burien interim Art Space.

Minutes

Meeting called to order.

January minutes approved. Donna moved, Shelley seconded.

2009 Elections

Dane Johnson nominated Kathy Justin to be Chair of Arts Commission. All in favor.

Shelley Brittingham nominated Donna DiFiore to be Vice Chair. All in favor.

Work Plan

Shelley asked to have a storybook walk in B/ IAS added to the 2009 Arts Commission Work Plan as an arts commission project in literary arts. Arts commission voiced concerns over who would continue the work Maureen has started on the Burien Aesthetic master Plan now that she is leaving the commission. Commission decided that much of Maureen's work can continue to be pursued by city staff using Arts Commission as advisement. The banner project can be pursued and possibly modeled at the B /IAS space. Mayor Joan McGilton asked commissioners to reestablish the connection with BEDP. Maureen has offered to help the commission while she is still in the states.

AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT

Visual Arts—Plans are being worked on to create a figure drawing event at B/IAS, and plans are being finalized to install murals from Burien Arts at B/ IAS.

Arts Education—Victoria applied for Music grant to work with area schools. Victoria is also looking at the idea of creating a “Scrap Eden” project (art work made from recycled materials) created with area school children and installed at B/ IAS. Dane has been approached by area artists to do an on-site welding project where the final piece would stay at the B/ IAS site.

Public Art/ B/IAS—Dane and Kathy are holding monthly meetings to discuss future grants and artist projects for the B/ IAS space. A grant is being written for funds to help artists cover costs of supplies to create works for the site. Portland artist James Harrison is ready to start fabricating the Sun Pavilion to be installed at the new Town Square Park in March/ April.

Performing and Literary Arts—Rochelle is looking into the possibility of readings at B/ IAS . Another thought would be to partner with the library on a storybook event. Rochelle volunteered to talk to the local performing arts groups to see if they could use a stage at the B/ IAS space for some of their performances.

Burien Aesthetic Master Plan—Maureen is available to pursue clean-up of current logo if the city is interested ...she is available until the beginning of June.

Cultural Identity—Arts commission discussed the idea of testing the banner idea at the B/ IAS space. Dane is interested in connecting with the local Polynesian community for dance performances at B/ IAS. Gina and Victoria volunteered to look into contacts.

STAFF REPORT

Arts Day—Laurie, Gina and Shelley traveled to Olympia for arts day on February 3rd to speak to legislators about upcoming legislation regarding the arts. There was a very good turn out from the arts community and legislators seemed very open to listening to how the arts play an important role in communities and how funding is necessary to continue these programs.

Maureen Hoffman thanked for the work she has done on the Arts Commission.

Meeting Adjourned